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To: County Refugee Coordinators

The Department of State, Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration has begun final implementation of the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) Project. The WRAPS will be a new standardized automated system used to process and track movement of refugees from various countries around the world to the United States for resettlement. For additional information on WRAPS, you may wish to visit the project web site at www.wrapsnet.org.

As part of WRAPS, the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) has been established and will soon be fully operational. Among other functions, the RPC will perform all of those tasks previously performed by the Refugee Data Center which was responsible for providing data used to produce the monthly Arrivals and Assurances Reports. The June 2002 Arrivals Report, which was transmitted to Coordinators via a letter dated July 10, 2002 will be the final report produced by the existing data system. The first Arrivals Report produced by the new system will cover the calendar month of July 2002; however, that report will not be available until mid-September 2002 at the earliest. In the interim, the Refugee Programs Branch will be working to design a new Arrivals Database to conform with the new data system.

In the future, Arrivals Reports will provide an increased level of detail on each new arrival. However, the Assurances Report which provided information on projected arrivals will be discontinued. The decision to discontinue the Assurances Reports was based on the fact that the reports frequently proved inaccurate in predicting actual arrivals. In the future, should more accurate data become available, a Projected Arrivals Report may be instituted.

Should you have questions on the information in this letter, please contact Phyllis Iwasaki, Manager of the Community Development and Fiscal Services Bureau at (916) 654-2387 or Brad Elftmann of her staff at (916) 654-7250.

Sincerely,

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